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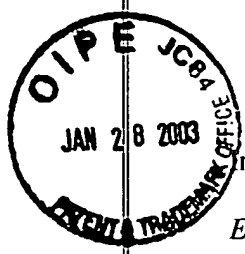
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Foreign Publications

1. *Japanese Kokai 59-209520* disclosed polypropylene mineral-filled sheet and articles made therefrom. Mineral fillers include mica, talc and the like. This document does not disclose mica/calcium carbonate-filled sheet. A copy of the publication is enclosed, together with a translation.
2. *Japanese Kokai 53-84044* discloses a mineral-filled polypropylene composition which may be extruded into sheet or injection molded. The mineral filler is mica. This document does not disclose mica/calcium carbonate mixtures as mineral filler.

A copy of the Japanese text and a translation is enclosed, as well as a listing of the references submitted on PTO Form 1449.

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	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
							YES	NO
		Jap. Kokai 53-84044	12/30/76	Japan	C08L	23/12	✓	
		Jap. Kokai 59-209520	5/6/83	Japan	B65D	1/00	✓	

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